

# CH 4 BOATS AND STREAMS

## ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

### EXERCISE 1

1. (b) Downstream speed =  $15 + 5 = 20$  km/h.

$$\therefore \text{Required distance} = 20 \times \frac{24}{60} = 8 \text{ km.}$$

2. (d) Let  $x$  be the speed of the boat.  
and  $y$  the speed of the current.

$$\therefore \frac{20}{x-y} + \frac{20}{x+y} = \frac{25}{36}$$

In this equation there are two variables, but only one equation, so, the value of ' $x$ ' cannot be determined.

3. (c) Here downstream speed = 15 km/hr and upstream speed = 5 km/hr

$\therefore$  Speed of the boat

$$= \frac{15+5}{2} = 10 \text{ km/h}$$

4. (c) Let the rate of stream =  $S$  km/h

$$\text{Given } 20 + S = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 5 \text{ km/h}$$

5. (a) Let the rate against the current be  $x$  km/hr. Then,

$$\frac{12-x}{2} = 1.5 \Rightarrow 12-x = 3 \Rightarrow x = 9 \text{ km/hr}$$

6. (a) Man's speed in upstream =  $4 - 2 = 2$  km/h.

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = \frac{6}{2} = 3 \text{ km/h}$$

7. (a) Let the speed of rowing be  $X$ . Then the equation

$$\text{formed is } \frac{9}{X-2} + \frac{9}{X+2} = 6.$$

On solving, we get the value of  $X$  as 4.

8. (c) Speed with the stream = 10.56 km. an hour.

Speed against the stream

$$= \frac{352}{4} \times \frac{60}{1000} = 5.28 \text{ km an hour}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Speed in still water

$$= \frac{1}{2}(10.56 + 5.28) = 7.92 \text{ kmph}$$

9. (d) Required distance between A and B

$$= \frac{3((9)^2 - (3)^2)}{2(9)} = \frac{3(81-9)}{18}$$

$$= \frac{72}{6} = 12 \text{ km.}$$

10. (a) If the rate of the stream is  $x$ , then

$$2(4.5 - x) = 4.5 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 - 2x = 4.5 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 4.5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1.5 \text{ km/hr}$$

11. (d) Given, time taken by the boat to place and back = 3 hrs. and given speed of boat in still water = 4 km/hr

There is no speed of the stream given and also no down stream and upstream speed is given.

$\therefore$  Can't calculate the distance.

12. (d) Given speed of boat in water = 4 km/hr =  $x$  (say)

and speed of current = 2 km/hr =  $y$  (say)

As we know, Distance = Speed  $\times$  Time

$\therefore$  Upstream speed =  $(x - y)$  km/hr

and time = 9 hr (given)

$\therefore$  distance upstream =  $(x - y) \cdot 9$

and downstream speed =  $(x + y)$  km/hr

Now, distance downstream = distance upstream (given)

$\therefore (x - y) 9 = (x + y) \cdot 9$



$$\Rightarrow T = \left( \frac{x-y}{x+y} \right) 9 = \left( \frac{4-2}{4+2} \right) 9 = 3 \text{ hrs.}$$

13. (b) Rate downstream =  $\left( \frac{16}{2} \right)$  kmph = 8 kmph;

Rate upstream =  $\left( \frac{16}{4} \right)$  kmph = 4 kmph.

$$\therefore \text{Speed in still water} = \frac{1}{2} (8 + 4) = 6 \text{ km/h.}$$

14. (a) Man's upstream speed =  $\frac{36}{6} = 6 \text{ km/hr}$

Speed of stream =  $8 - 6 = 2 \text{ km/h}$

$$\therefore \text{Man's downstream speed} = 8 + 2 = 10 \text{ km/h}$$

Hence, required distance =  $10 \times 10 = 100 \text{ km}$

15. (d) Man's speed in still water = 4.5 km/h

Let speed of stream = S km/h

Here,  $T_u = 2T_d$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Distance}}{4.5 - S} = 2 \left( \frac{\text{Distance}}{S + 4.5} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4.5 + S = 9 - 2S$$

$$\Rightarrow 3S = 4.5 \Rightarrow S = 1.5 \text{ km/h}$$

16. (c) Let the distance travelled during both upward and downward journey be x km.

$$\text{Average speed} = \frac{\text{Total distance covered}}{\text{Total time taken}}$$

$$= \frac{x+x}{\frac{x}{16} + \frac{x}{28}} = \frac{2}{\frac{28+16}{28 \times 16}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 28 \times 16}{44} = 20.36 \text{ km/h}$$

17. (c) Relative speed of the boats = 15 km/ hour

$$= \frac{15}{60} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ km/min}$$

i.e., they cover  $\left( \frac{1}{4} \right)$  km in the last one minute

before collision

18. (a) If X be the speed of man in still water, Y the speed of stream, then  $Y = 2$ .

$$X - 2 = \frac{9}{3} \text{ or } X = 5.$$

Now,  $X + 2 = 7$ , hence time required =  $9/7$  hours..

## EXERCISE 2

1. (d) Speed of the boat in still water = 10 mph

Let the speed of the stream = x mph

Then, speed of boat with downward stream =  $(10 + x)$  mph

Speed of boat with upward stream =  $(10 - x)$  mph

$$\text{Now, } \frac{36}{(10+x)} + \frac{90}{60} = \frac{36}{(10-x)}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{4} = 6 \left( \frac{1}{10-x} - \frac{1}{10+x} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{4} = 6 \left( \frac{2x}{100-x^2} \right)$$

$$\text{or } 100 - x^2 = 48x$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + 48x - 100 = 0$$

$$\text{or } x = 2 \text{ mph} \quad [x \neq -50]$$

2. (b) Let the speed of the boat in still water be x km/hr

Speed of the stream = 2 km/hr

$\therefore$  Speed of the boat downstream

$$= (x + 2) \text{ km/hr}$$

Speed of the boat upstream

$$= (x - 2) \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\therefore \frac{8}{x+2} + \frac{8}{x-2} = 1 \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 24x - 48 + 24x + 48 = 5(x^2 - 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x^2 - 48x - 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{48 \pm \sqrt{2304 + 400}}{10}$$



$$= \frac{48 \pm 52}{10} = 10, -0.4$$

$\therefore$  Speed of the boat in still water = 10 km/hr.

3. (c) Let  $x$  be the speed of boat in still water and  $y$  be the speed in current.

$\therefore$  Speed of the boat downstream

=  $(x + y)$  km/hr and speed of the boat upstream

=  $(x - y)$  km/hr.

According to the question :

$$2(x + y) = 3(x - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 2y = 3x - 3y \Rightarrow 5y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{1} = \frac{x}{y}$$

Hence, the ratio of speed in still water to speed in current is 5:1

4. (c) Let the speed of man in still water be  $v_m$  and the speed of stream be  $v_s$ . Then

$$(v_m - v_s) \times \left( \frac{45}{4 \times 60} \text{ hr} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \text{ km} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Also, } (v_m + v_s) \times \left( \frac{29}{4 \times 60} \text{ hr} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \text{ km} \quad \dots(2)$$

Now, we solve for  $v_m$ .

$$(1) \Rightarrow v_m - v_s = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4 \times 60}{45} = \frac{3 \times 60}{45} = 4$$

$$\text{and } (2) \Rightarrow v_m + v_s$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4 \times 60}{29} = \frac{3 \times 60}{29} = \frac{180}{29}$$

By adding (1) and (2), we get

$$2v_m = 4 + \frac{180}{29} \Rightarrow v_m = 5$$

Hence, the speed of the man in still water

= 5 km/hr.

5. (c) The speed against the current of the stream = 2 km (in 1 hr)

The speed along the current of the stream

= 1 km (in 10 min)

$$= \frac{1 \times 60}{10} \text{ (in 1 hr)}$$

= 6 km (in 1 hr)

$\therefore$  Speed in stationary water =  $6 - 2 = 4$  km

Thus, speed in stationary water = 4 km and

distance = 5 km

$$\text{As, we know, Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$\therefore$  Time taken to cover the distance 5 km

$$= \frac{5}{4} \text{ hour} = 75 \text{ min}$$

$$= 60 \text{ min} + 15 \text{ min} = 1 \text{ hour } 15 \text{ minutes}$$

6. (d) Let  $v_m$  = velocity of man = 48 m/min

Let  $v_c$  = velocity of current

then  $t_1$  = time taken to travel 200 m against the current.

$$\text{i.e., } t_1 = \frac{200}{v_m - v_c} \quad \dots(1)$$

and  $t_2$  time taken to travel 200 m with the current

$$\text{i.e., } t_2 = \frac{200}{v_m + v_c} \quad \dots(2)$$

Given :  $t_1 - t_2 = 10$  min

$$\therefore \frac{200}{v_m - v_c} - \frac{200}{v_m + v_c} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow v_m^2 - v_c^2 = 40v_c$$

$$\Rightarrow v_c^2 + 40v_c - (48)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_c = 32, -72$$

Hence, speed of the current

= 32 ( $\because v_c \neq -72$ ).

7. (a) Here, Distance for downstream

= 2(Distance for upstream)

Let speed of stream =  $S$  km/h.



$$\therefore 4 + S = 2(4 - S)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{4}{3} = 1.3 \text{ km/h.}$$

8. (d) Let the speed of the stream be  $x$  km/h.  
Then, upstream speed =  $(15 - x)$  km/h.  
and downstream speed =  $(15 + x)$  km/h.

$$\text{Now, } \frac{30}{(15+x)} + \frac{30}{(15-x)} = 4.5$$

Checking with options, we find that  $x = 5$  km/h.

9. (b) Man's speed in downstream =  $\frac{60}{6} = 10$  km/hr.

$$\therefore \text{Man's speed in still water} = 10 - 3 = 7 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\text{Man's speed in upstream} = 7 - 3 = 4 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = \frac{16}{4} = 4 \text{ hrs}$$

10. (a) Suppose he moves 4 km downstream in  $x$  hours.  
Then,

$$\text{Downstream speed} = \frac{4}{x} \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\text{Upstream speed} = \frac{3}{x} \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\therefore \frac{48}{4/x} + \frac{48}{3/x} = 14 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ hr}$$

$$\therefore \text{Downstream speed} = 8 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\text{and upstream speed} = 6 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\text{Rate of the stream} = \frac{1}{2}(8-6) = 1 \text{ km/hr}$$

11. (b) Time taken by the boat during downstream

$$\text{journey} = \frac{50}{60} = \frac{5}{6} \text{ h}$$

Time taken by the boat in upstream journey

$$= \frac{5}{4} \text{ h}$$

Average speed

$$= \frac{2 \times 50}{\frac{5}{6} + \frac{5}{4}} = \frac{100 \times 24}{50} = 48 \text{ mph}$$

12. (a) Clearly, Ram moves both ways at a speed of 12 km/h. So, average speed of Ram = 12 km/h.

Shyam moves downstream at the speed of  $(10 + 4)$

$$= 14 \text{ km/h}$$

and upstream at the speed of  $(10 - 4) = 6$  km/h.

So, average speed of Shyam

$$= \left( \frac{2 \times 14 \times 6}{14 + 6} \right) \text{ km/h}$$

$$= \frac{42}{5} \text{ km/h} = 8.4 \text{ km/h.}$$

Since the average speed of Ram is greater, he will return to A first.

13. (a) Let speed of the boat in still water be  $x$  km/h and speed of the current be  $y$  km/h.

Then, upstream speed =  $(x - y)$  km/h

and downstream speed =  $(x + y)$  km/h

$$\text{Now, } \frac{24}{(x-y)} + \frac{28}{(x+y)} = 6 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{30}{(x-y)} + \frac{21}{(x+y)} = \frac{13}{2} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii), we have

$$x = 10 \text{ km/h and } y = 4 \text{ km/h}$$

14. (d) Let the speed of the boat in still water be  $S$  kmph.  
Then,

$$\text{Downstream speed} = (S + 3) \text{ kmph,}$$

$$\text{Upstream speed} = (S - 3) \text{ kmph.}$$

$$\therefore (S+3) \times 1 = (S-3) \times \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2S + 6 = 3S - 9$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 15 \text{ kmph.}$$

15. (b) Downstream speed =  $(14 + 4)$  km/h = 18 km/h.

$$\text{Upstream speed} = (14 - 4) \text{ km/h} = 10 \text{ km/h.}$$

Let the distance between A and B be  $d$  km. Then,

$$\frac{d}{18} + \frac{(d/2)}{10} = 19 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{18} + \frac{d}{20} = 19 \Rightarrow \frac{19d}{180} = 19$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 180 \text{ km.}$$



∴ Remaining portion to be filled by pipe B

$$= \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{20} = \frac{5-3}{60} = \frac{2}{60} = \frac{1}{30}$$

∴ Time taken by pipe B to fill  $\frac{1}{30}$  of the cistern

$$= \frac{1}{30} \times 30 = 1 \text{ min}$$

Hence, total time =  $(55 \times 3) + 1 + 1 = 167$  min.

9. (a) Let cistern will be full in  $x$  min. Then,  
part filled by B in  $x$  min + part filled by A in  
 $(x - 4)$  min = 1

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{16} + \frac{x-4}{12} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{64}{7} = 9\frac{1}{7} \text{ hours.}$$

10. (a) Let A was turned off after  $x$  min. Then,  
cistern filled by A in  $x$  min + cistern filled by  
B in  $(x + 23)$  min = 1

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{45} + \frac{x+23}{40} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 17x + 207 = 360 \Rightarrow x = 9 \text{ min.}$$

11. (a) Let cistern will be full in  $x$  min. Then,  
part filled by A in  $x$  min + part filled by B in  
 $(x - 1)$  min + part filled by C in  $(x - 2)$  min = 1

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x-1}{4} + \frac{x-2}{6} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x = 19 \Rightarrow x = \frac{19}{9} = 2\frac{1}{9} \text{ min}$$

12. (b) Total number of pipes = 6 (given)

Let number of inlet pipes =  $x$

∴ number of outlet pipes =  $6 - x$

Now, Inlet pipe fill the tank in 9 hours and outlet  
pipe empty it in 6 hours.

$$\therefore \text{Total part filled in 1 hour} = \frac{x}{9} - \frac{6-x}{6}$$

When all the pipes are opened.

But given total part filled in 9 hr

$$\therefore \frac{x}{9} - \frac{6-x}{6} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow 6x - 54 + 9x = \frac{54}{9} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 15x = 60 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

Hence, number of inlet pipes = 4.

13. (a) Part filled in 10 hours

$$= 10 \left( \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{25} \right) = \frac{23}{30}$$

$$\text{Remaining part} = \left( 1 - \frac{23}{30} \right) = \frac{7}{30}$$

$$(A + B)\text{'s 1 hour's work} = \left( \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{20} \right) = \frac{7}{60}$$

$$\frac{7}{60} : \frac{7}{30} :: 1 : x$$

$$\text{or } x = \left( \frac{7}{30} \times 1 \times \frac{60}{7} \right) = 2 \text{ hours.}$$

∴ The tank will be full in  $(10 + 2)$  hrs = 12 hrs.

14. (c) (A + B)'s 1 hour's work

$$= \left( \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} \right) = \frac{9}{60} = \frac{3}{20}$$

(A + C)'s 1 hour's work

$$= \left( \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} \right) = \frac{8}{60} = \frac{2}{15}$$

Part filled in 2 hrs

$$= \left( \frac{3}{20} + \frac{2}{15} \right) = \frac{17}{60}$$

Part filled in 6 hrs

$$= \left( 3 \times \frac{17}{60} \right) = \frac{17}{20}$$

Remaining part

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{17}{20} \right) = \frac{3}{20}$$

Now, it is the turn of A and B and  $\frac{3}{20}$  part is  
filled by A and B in 1 hour.



$$\Rightarrow \left( S_u \times 8 \frac{4}{5} \right) = (S_d \times 4) \Rightarrow \frac{44}{5} S_u = 4 S_d \Rightarrow S_d = \frac{11}{5} S_u.$$

∴ Required ratio

$$= \left( \frac{S_d + S_u}{2} \right) : \left( \frac{S_d - S_u}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{16 S_u}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \right) : \left( \frac{6 S_u}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{5} : \frac{3}{5} = 8 : 3.$$

3. (c) Let upstream speed =  $S_u$  kmph  
and downstream speed =  $S_d$  kmph.

$$\text{Then, } \frac{24}{S_u} + \frac{36}{S_d} = 36 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{36}{S_u} + \frac{24}{S_d} = \frac{13}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get :

$$60 \left( \frac{1}{S_u} + \frac{1}{S_d} \right) = \frac{25}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{S_u} + \frac{1}{S_d} = \frac{5}{24} \quad \dots(3)$$

Subtracting (1) and (2), we get :

$$12 \left( \frac{1}{S_u} - \frac{1}{S_d} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{S_u} - \frac{1}{S_d} = \frac{1}{24} \quad \dots(4)$$

Adding (3) and (4), we get :

$$\frac{2}{S_u} = \frac{6}{24} \text{ or } S_u = 8.$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{S_d} = \frac{5}{24} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{S_d} = \left( \frac{5}{24} - \frac{1}{8} \right) = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_d = 12.$$

∴ Speed upstream = 8 kmph,

Speed downstream = 12 kmph.

Hence, rate of current

$$= \frac{1}{2}(12-8) \text{ kmph} = 2 \text{ kmph.}$$

4. (b) Let man's speed be  $a$  km/hr.  
Let stream's speed be  $b$  km/hr.  
 $a + b = 3$ ,  $a - b = 2$ ,  $2a = 5$ ,

$$a = 5/2 = 2.5 \text{ km/hr.}$$

To swim 7 km, time required

$$= \frac{7}{2.5} = 2.8 \text{ hours.}$$

(Must do mentally in 20 sec. max.)

5. (c) Speed of speed-boat =  $16 - 3 = 13$  km/hr.

∴ Speed of boat against the current

$$= 13 - 3 = 10 \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\text{Speed against the stream}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [- \text{speed with the stream}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [8 - 6] = 1 \text{ km/h.}$$

6. (a) Let the speed of the boatman be  $x$  km/hr and that of stream by  $y$  km/hr. Then

$$\frac{12}{x+y} = \frac{4}{x-y}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x - 12y = 4x + 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x = 16y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2y$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{45}{x+y} + \frac{45}{x-y} = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 45 + 135 = 60y \Rightarrow 180 = 60y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 3 \text{ km/hr.}$$

7. (b) Let the speed of the stream be  $x$  km/hr and distance travelled be  $S$  km. Then,

$$\frac{S}{12+x} = 6 \text{ and } \frac{S}{12-x} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12-x}{12+x} = \frac{6}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 108 - 9x = 72 + 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow 15x = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{36}{15} = 2.4 \text{ km/hr.}$$

8. (d) Total distance covered =  $2 \times 91 \text{ km} = 182 \text{ km}$   
Time taken = 20 hours



$$\therefore \text{Average speed} = \frac{182}{20} = 9.1 \text{ km/h}$$

Let the speed of flow of the river =  $x$  km/hr

$$\text{then, } \frac{10^2 - x^2}{10} = 9.1 \Rightarrow 100 - 91 = x^2 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3$$

Hence, rate of flow of the river = 3 km/h

9 (a) Downstream speed =  $x + y = 6$  km/hr.

Upstream speed =  $x - y = 4$  km/hr.

$\therefore$  Speed in still water

$$= \frac{x+y+x-y}{2} = \frac{6+4}{2} = 5$$

$$= 5 \text{ km/hr.}$$

and speed of the current

$$= \frac{x+y-x+y}{2} = \frac{6-4}{2} = 1 \text{ km/hr}$$

10. (c) Let  $x$  be the speed of the swimmer and  $y$  be the speed of the current.

Let  $d$  be the distance.

$$\therefore \text{By question } \frac{d}{x+y} = 5 \text{ hr and } \frac{d}{x-y} = 7 \text{ hr.}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 5x + 5y \quad \text{and} \quad d = 7x - 7y$$

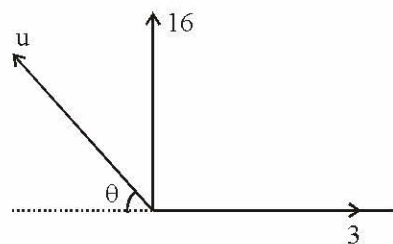
$$\Rightarrow 5x + 5y = 7x - 7y$$

$$\Rightarrow 12y = 2x \Rightarrow x = 6y.$$

But given,  $y = 1$  km/hr

$$\therefore x = 6 \text{ km/hr.}$$

11. (d)



Let the speed of the boat be  $u$  km per hour.

$$\therefore u \cos \theta = 3, u \sin \theta = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{16}{\sqrt{265}}$$

Since,  $u \sin \theta = 16$

$$\Rightarrow u \cdot \frac{16}{\sqrt{265}} = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \sqrt{265} = 16.28 \text{ km per hour}$$

$\therefore$  Speed of the boat against the current

$$= u - 3 = 16.28 - 3 = 13.28 \text{ km per hour.}$$

12. (a) Man's speed in still water = 4 km/h.

Speed of stream = 2 km/h

$$S_d = 4 + 2 = 6 \text{ km/h}$$

$$S_u = 4 - 2 = 2 \text{ km/h}$$

Let distance be  $d$  km. Then,

$$T_d = \frac{d}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad T_u = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$T_d + T_u = \frac{d}{6} + \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = \frac{4d}{6}$$

$$(\because \text{Total time } T_d + T_u = 6 \text{ hrs})$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 9 \text{ km.}$$

13. (d) Speed of the boat in still water = 10 mph

Let the speed of the stream =  $x$  mph

Then, speed of boat with downward stream

$$= (10 + x) \text{ mph}$$

Speed of boat with upward stream =  $(10 - x)$  mph

$$\text{Now, } \frac{36}{(10+x)} + \frac{90}{60} = \frac{36}{(10-x)}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{4} = 6 \left( \frac{1}{10-x} - \frac{1}{10+x} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{4} = 6 \left( \frac{2x}{100-x^2} \right)$$

$$\text{or } 100 - x^2 = 48x$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + 48x - 100 = 0$$

$$\text{or } x = 2 \quad [x \neq -50]$$

